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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	10/009,500	KORDOWICZ ET AL.
	Examiner Charles L. Patterson, Jr.	Art Unit 1652

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 April 2003 and 17 March 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 10-15 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 1-6,8 and 9 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 7,16 and 18-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 17 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 11 December 2001 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____. |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Applicant's election with traverse of Group I, claims 1-9 and 16-20 in the paper filed 3/17/04 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that a search of all of the claims would "comprise overlapping subject matter" and would not be undue since all of the claims "involve related subject matter, e.g. hyaluronidases which are highly related to each other". This is not found persuasive because the proteins and DNAs are structurally different from each other and at least EP 0193330 is prior art for the protein and therefore the DNA is not a special technical feature of the protein. Also, in reading the instant specification there is not found any reference as to how these additional proteins (SEQ ID NO:3, 5 or 7) were obtained nor what activity they might or might not have.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claims 10-15 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the paper filed 3/17/04.

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

On page 28 and 29 there are several sequences that are not identified as to SEQ ID NO as required by 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825. Applicants should add these identifications to the specification and if they are not in the computer sequence disclosure they should be added.

Appropriate correction is required.

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement

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thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Use claims are not allowed in U.S. patent practice. The claim should be drawn to a method with distinct steps.

Claims 7, 16, 18 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 7 is indefinite in the recitation of "optionally on line 10. It is not clear whether this is meant to be a limitation of the claim or is merely illustrative.

Claim 16 is confusing and indefinite in the recitation "any of claim 1 as a medicament". To start with there is only one claim upon which this claim is dependent and therefore "any of" should be deleted. Apparently a protein was intended to be claimed that was used as a medicament. If this is true then the claim should read "for use as a medicament", or "[a] method for using the protein of claim 1 comprising using it as a medicament" or some similar recitation.

Claim 18 is indefinite and confusing in the recitation of "additionally". The claim does not recite any substance before this and therefore the recitation "additionally" does not make any sense.

Claims 18 and 19 are indefinite in that they do not depend upon any other claim and therefore read on any and all pharmaceutical compositions in the world.

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The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 18 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b or e) as being anticipated by either of Wnendt, et al. (A) or Jones, et al. (AC). The instant claims are drawn to any pharmaceutical composition whatsoever that additionally has a pharmacologically active compound that is heparin. Wnendt, et al. teach in column 3, lines 26-30 that plasminogen activators are generally administered with heparin. Jones, et al. teach on page 79, third paragraph that it would be beneficial to use hyaluronidase together with anti-coagulation regimes such as heparin.

Claims 1-6 and 8-9 are allowed. Claim 17 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charles L. Patterson, Jr., PhD, whose telephone number is 571-272-0936. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 7:30 to 4:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ponnathapura Achutamurthy, can be reached on 571-272-0928. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-308-4242.

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